

Associate of Arts in Early Childhood Education

The Associate of Arts(AA) in Early Childhood Education is a minimum 90 graded credit hour degree. A grade of “C-” or better is required for each course counting towards the AA, but a cumulative GPA of at least a 2.00 is required for completion of the major. All courses counting toward the AA must be graded courses.

The AA in Early Childhood Education is valuable for those seeking employment as educational assistants in K-12 education or for those working in early childhood settings. It is also useful for those wishing to enter into social services types of employment.

The AA guides both the freshman and sophomore years. An added benefit is that all courses listed for the AA in Education apply toward a bachelor’s degree in the Multidisciplinary Studies and support the student in advancing toward an elementary teacher preparation program.

General Education Core Courses: 60 credits

Aesthetics and Humanities

At least 6 credits in two different disciplines is needed

- [ENGL 136 - Themes*AEH](#) Credits: 4

Choose at least one of the following courses:

- [COM 215 - Conflict Management*AEH](#) Credits: 4
- [MUS 107 - Listen in Music*AEH](#) Credits: 2
- [MUS 204 - Popular Music in America*AEH](#) Credits: 3

Artistic Process and Creation

At least 6 credits in two different disciplines is needed

Select at least two of the following courses:

- [WR 131 - Exploratory Prose Writing*APC](#) Credits: 4
- [THEA 112 - Introduction to Theatre*APC](#) Credits: 3
- [THEA 267 - Fund of Stage Makeup*APC](#) Credits: 3

Natural, Mathematical and Information Sciences

Complete the following three Foundations Math courses:

- [MATH 211 - Fndtns Elementary Math I*SMI](#) Credits: 4
- [MATH 212 - Fndtns Elementary Math II*SMI](#) Credits: 4
- [MATH 213 - Fndtns Elementary Math III*SMI](#) Credits: 4

Choose one of the following sequences (Biology or Science):

Biology Sequence

- [BIOL 101 - Intro to Biology*SMI](#) Credits: 3
- [BIOL 102 - Intro to Biology*SMI](#) Credits: 3

- [BIOL 103 - Intro to Biology*SMI](#) Credits: 3
Science Sequence
- [SCI 101 - Intro to Physical Science Practices*SMI](#) Credits: 4
- [SCI 102 - Intro to Earth Science Practices*SMI](#) Credits: 4

Social Sciences

Complete both of the following courses:

- [GEOG 105 - Cultural Geography*SSC](#) Credits: 5
- [PSY 201 - General Psychology*SSC](#) Credits: 4

Choose one of the following:

- [HIST 111 - World History to 1500*SSC](#) Credits: 5
- [HIST 112 - World History since 1500*SSC](#) Credits: 5

Choose one of the following:

- [HIST 201 - US History to 1865*SSC](#) Credits: 5
- [HIST 202 - US History Since 1865*SSC](#) Credits: 5

Gateway

Any remaining General Education credits needed to get to 60 credits can be taken from the following Gateway courses:

- [LIB 127 - Information Literacy*GTW](#) Credits: 2
- [WR 121 - Academic Composition*GTW](#) Credits: 4
- [COM 111 - Interpersonal Communication*GTW](#) Credits: 4
- [COM 112 - Public Speaking*GTW](#) Credits: 4

Early Childhood Education Core Courses: 19-21 credits

- [ED 209](#) Cooperative Work Experience/Practicum Credits: 1-3
- [ECED 211 - Early Childhood Foundations](#) Credits: 3
- [ECED 212 - Child Development: Conception through age 8](#) Credits: 3
- [ECED 214 - Positive Behavior Guidance and Management in Early Childhood](#) Credits: 3
- [ECED 216 - Play & Learning Environments in Early Childhood](#) Credits: 3
- [ECED 218 - Health and Wellness in Early Childhood](#) Credits: 3
- [ECED 221 - Assessment and Observation in Early Childhood](#) Credits: 3

Elective Courses: 9-11 credits

Elective courses can be taken to help students reach 90 credits for the degree (contact your advisor for assistance with elective courses)

Total credits required for AA: 90

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Previous AA option was the [Associate of Arts in Education Checksheet](#)
